IN THE SPECIFICATION

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/432,893 filed December 12, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference.

This invention relates to the detection of packet loss in Internet streaming. More particularly, this invention relates to a system and method for using a circular buffer, implemented by a chain of buffers forming a circle, for packet loss detection in Internet streaming. Most particularly, this invention relates to a system and method for dynamically adapting packet loss detection latency, which is determined by the size of the chain, to network conditions and application requirements that achieves reasonable detection accuracy and is easy to implement.